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Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE), I am pleased to invite you to the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Perkins Data Quality Institute (DQI). The Perkins DQIs bring together State Career and Technical Education (CTE) directors, accountability staff, national organizations, and other interested stakeholders to improve the validity, reliability, and comparability of the student definitions and measurement approaches that States use to report data on the Perkins core indicators of performance. The 2019 Perkins DQI will be held on February 12-13, 2019, at OCTAE Headquarters in Washington, DC.

With passage of the Strengthening CTE for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (Perkins V) this past July, this year's theme will be "***A New Journey Begins: Implementing the Accountability Provisions in Perkins V.***" Sessions will be designed to help States prepare for the transition to the new Perkins V accountability provisions, particularly the new CTE concentrator definition and indicators of program quality.

More information about the 2019 Perkins DQI, and a link to the registration page, can be found at: <http://cte.ed.gov/accountability/data-quality-institute>. Participation in the event is to be funded by States, which may include the use of appropriate State resources provided through Perkins V.

For more information regarding the DQI, please contact our meeting coordinator at RTI International: Olivia Rice, [onix@rti.org](mailto:onix@rti.org) or 919-541-7011.

We look forward to your participation in the 2019 DQI!

Sincerely,

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